

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Honorable John C. Stennis, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

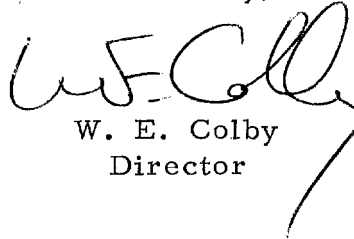
This is in response to your request for our recommendations on S. Res. 6, introduced on January 15 by Senator Schweiker. S. Res. 6 would establish a Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations and Activities, to investigate the activities of the intelligence community of the United States Government, including the Central Intelligence Agency. The resolution would also express the "sense of the Senate" that the President designate a special prosecutor for all investigations, indictments, and actions arising from any violations of the National Security Act of 1947 or the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949.

As you know, Mr. Chairman, the Senate voted on January 27 to establish the Select Committee To Study Governmental Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities, proposed in S. Res. 21. This Committee has already begun to conduct an investigation of activities of the intelligence agencies, thus accomplishing the primary objective of S. Res. 6.

I expressed my belief before your CIA Subcommittee on January 16 that none of the activities of this Agency "would properly be the subject of adverse action against men who performed their duties in good faith," recognizing of course that this is a determination for the Department of Justice. At the request of the former Acting Attorney General, information on these matters is being provided to the Department. I defer to the Department for their view on the desirability of designating a special prosecutor to handle this information, as proposed in S. Res. 6.

The Office of Management and Budget advises there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. E. Colby', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom right of the signature.

W. E. Colby
Director

This report was not cleared by
OMB during the 94th Congress.